

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Please cancel claims 25-33 without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, as follows:

- 1 1. (Original) A tension mask for a color cathode-ray tube, comprising:
  - 2 a plurality of parallel strips separated by a predetermined distance from each other;
  - 3 a plurality of real bridges intersecting adjacent strips among said plurality of parallel strips
  - 4 to define slots, the slots accommodating electron beams to pass through; and
  - 5 a plurality of dummy bridges located in the slots, partially extending between but not
  - 6 intersecting the adjacent strips, said plurality of dummy bridges having projections facing each other
  - 7 without touching, said dummy bridges having an etching boundary located below the middle of said
  - 8 strips.
- 1 2. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with said plurality of real bridges being recessed
- 2 by a predetermined depth from the top surface of said real bridges, and the thickness of each of said
- 3 real bridges being smaller at the center than at the periphery of said real bridges.
- 1 3. (Original) The tension mask of claim 2, with the thickness of each of one said real bridges

2 at the recessed center of the real bridges being approximately the same as the distance from the  
3 bottom of the strips to said etching boundaries of said dummy bridges.

1 4. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with each of said plurality of real bridges having  
2 a planar top surface.

1 5. (Original) The tension mask of claim 4, with the top or bottom surface of said real bridges  
2 being at the same level as the surfaces of said adjacent strips.

1 6. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the distance from the bottom of said strips  
2 to the etching boundaries of said dummy bridges being 0.25 times smaller than the thickness of said  
3 strips.

1 7. (Original) The tension mask of claim 6, with the thickness of each of said real bridges at  
2 the recessed center of said real bridges being approximately the same as the distance from the bottom  
3 of said strips to the etching boundaries of said dummy bridges.

1 8. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the distance from the top of the strips to the  
2 etching boundaries of said dummy bridges being larger than the distance from the bottom of the  
3 strips to the etching boundaries of said dummy bridges, the top of the strips being on the electron  
4 beam emitting side and the bottom of the strips being on the electron beam entering side.

1           9. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the relative position of each of the slots at  
2       the beam entering side with respect to the beam emitting side of said tension mask being shifted  
3       toward the center of said tension mask as the locations of the slots become closer to the periphery  
4       of said tension mask.

1           10. (Original) The tension mask of claim 9, with the relative position of each of the slots at  
2       the beam entering side being shifted toward the center of said tension mask by etching a portion of  
3       each slot on the beam emitting side with a predetermined width, and shifting an etch of a portion of  
4       each slot on the beam emitting side with a predetermined width towards the center of said tension  
5       mask with respect to the etch of the portion of the slot on the beam emitting side, the etch on the  
6       beam emitting side and the etch on the beam entering side forming one of the slots of said tension  
7       mask.

1           11. (Original) The tension mask of claim 9, with the center of said tension mask being a  
2       center line accross a width of said tension mask.

1           12. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the relative position of the gap between the  
2       facing dummy bridges being shifted toward the center or the periphery of said tension mask as the  
3       locations of said dummy bridges become closer to the periphery of said tension mask.

1       13. (Original) The tension mask of claim 12, with the relative position of the gap between  
2       the facing dummy bridges being shifted toward the center or the periphery of said tension mask  
3       according to the reduction of the clipping of the electron beams.

1       14. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the width of each of said dummy bridges  
2       along said strips becoming narrow as the locations of said dummy bridges come closer to the  
3       periphery of said tension mask.

1       15. (Original) The tension mask of claim 12, with the width of each of said dummy bridges  
2       along said strips becoming narrow as the locations of said dummy bridges come closer to the  
3       periphery of said tension mask.

1       16. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with the area of each of the dummy bridges  
2       becoming smaller as the locations of the dummy bridges come closer to the periphery of the tension  
3       mask.

1       17. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, with said adjacent strips having rounded portions  
2       to reduce the clipping of electron beams.

1       18. (Previously Presented) The tension mask of claim 1, with the width of each of the slots  
2       at the electron beam emitting side being wider than at the electron beam entering side.

1           19. (Original) The tension mask of claim 1, being manufactured by an exposure mask  
2           comprising a pair of upper and lower exposure masks to be aligned over the top and bottom surfaces  
3           of a steel foil, respectively, to accommodate exposure of photosensitive layers deposited on said steel  
4           foil, said upper exposure mask having a pattern including a series of parallel upper light transmission  
5           portions arranged in lines, said lower exposure mask comprising:

6           a pattern including a series of parallel lower light transmission portions arranged in lines;  
7           a plurality of first light shielding portions intersecting adjacent lower light transmission  
8           portions among said series of parallel lower light transmission portions; and  
9           a plurality of second light shielding portions partially extending between the adjacent lower  
10          light transmission portions.

1           20. (Original) A tension mask for a color cathode-ray tube, comprising:  
2           a plurality of parallel strips separated by a predetermined distance from each other;  
3           a plurality of real bridges intersecting adjacent strips among said plurality of parallel strips  
4           to define slots accommodating electron beams to pass through;  
5           a plurality of dummy bridges located in the slots, partially extending between but not  
6           intersecting the adjacent strips, said dummy bridges facing each other, an etching boundary of each  
7           of said dummy bridges being located below the middle of said strips;  
8           a pair of first rounded portions formed with a first thickness at the beam emitting side of each  
9           of the slots, partially extending from the adjacent strips; and

10           a pair of second rounded portions formed with a second width at the beam entering side of  
11    each of the slots, partially extending from the adjacent strips.

1           21. (Original) The tension mask of claim 20, with the relative position of each of the slots  
2    at the beam entering side with respect to the beam emitting side being shifted toward the center of  
3    the tension mask as the locations of the slots come closer to the periphery of the tension mask.

1           22. (Original) The tension mask of claim 20, with the relative position of the gap between  
2    the facing dummy bridges being shifted toward the center or the periphery of said tension mask as  
3    the locations of said dummy bridges come closer to the periphery of said tension mask.

1           23. (Original) The tension mask of claim 20, with said plurality of real bridges being  
2    recessed by a predetermined depth from the top surface of said real bridges, and the thickness of each  
3    of said real bridges being smaller at the center than at the periphery of said real bridges.

1           24. (Original) The tension mask of claim 20, with each of said plurality of real bridges  
2    having a planar top surface.

Claims 25-33 (Cancelled)